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**To Community Care Committee
For information to all members of the Parish Council**

**The next meeting of the Community Care Committee will be held
On Thursday 11 December 2008 at 11am in the Bowls Pavilion**

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**
- 3 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2008 (page 2)**
- 4 Mobile Warden Scheme**
 - update
 - report by HMS on meeting convened by SCDC (page 3)
- 5 Barnabas Court update**
- 6 AOB**

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Minutes of the Community Care Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on 10 September 2008 at 11.15am in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: IF May (chair) R Day M Ellwood HM Smith
Tracey Ebbon – Warden Community Care Scheme
Debbie Driver – Manager Barnabas Court
SJ Daniels - Clerk to the Council

46/9-08 **1 Election of Chairman** - IF May was elected chairman.

47/9-08 **2 Apologies for absence** - RLE Waters L Harding (Deputy Warden).

48/9-08 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial** - none.

49/9-08 **4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 20 March 2008 were approved and signed as a true record. TE and IFM to explore a contract phone. **Action: TE and IFM**

50/9-08 **5 Mobile Warden Scheme**

- **feedback from meeting with Dr Steward and possible sources of funding.** The doctors supported the scheme wholeheartedly and were aware of Committee's concerns but were unable to help with funding. They would support any grant application made by Committee. The clerk would soon start to apply for grant aid.

- **update and clients' fees.** There were still 32 clients. Although some clients needed more of Tracey's time than others it was felt that they should all pay the same rate. In order to cover extra costs incurred ie deputy warden it was **AGREED** to recommend

that all fees should be increased to £3 as from 1st October 2008 and that Committee should consider increasing the fees to £4 as from 1st April 2009 with a proviso that an increase to £5 from 1st April for those receiving attendance allowance should be considered.

The clerk was proposing to invoice every 3 months.

TE was now able to manage her time in better ways since the reorganisation of duties (min 489/11-07).

To help cover the costs of wear and tear on the warden's car it was **AGREED**

to increase her mileage allowance from 8 miles to 10 miles per day.

51/9-08 **6 Proposed contracts for warden and deputy warden**

The clerk had drawn up contracts – to be agreed by the Finance & Staffing Committee. He reported that the minimum holiday entitlement had been set at 24 days per year in October 2007 and that it would increase to 28 days in April 2009 although he had not received notification of this from any official source.

Action: The clerk would ask CPALC to confirm.

52/9-08 **7 Barnabas Court update**

DD reported that the scheme was running smoothly. There were problems with the gardening contract. Some residents wanted the shrubs on the eastern boundary cut back. **Action:** RLEW, chairman of MCC Recreation Grounds Committee, to investigate.

Noise from the industrial estate.

53/9-08 **8 Correspondence:**

a) Community Care Network: invitation to become a Trustee; invitation to a Volunteers' cream tea 2 October 1.30pm – 4.30pm, Dignity Champions Workshop 16 September 10am – 2pm, "Trickster" – the bogus caller musical 22 September;

It was suggested that an organised trip to see "Trickster" be organised.

b) ACRE: Cambridgeshire LINK - New Local Involvement Network – to help communities have a stronger voice in their Health & Social Care Services

54/9-08 **9 AOB** – none.

The meeting ended at 12.15pm.

Report on Community Care warden scheme meeting 27 Oct 2008 at Cambourne

6 schemes were represented, from Milton (35 members), Gt Shelford (16?), Haslingfield (12-16), Harston (6), Mordens and Littlington (18) and Comberton (7). SCDC supports 12 village schemes with 240 members in total.

Also present were 2 organisers from **Age Concern**. They run schemes in Teversham (used to be a PC scheme), Ramsey, Littleport, Histon & Impington, Linton and 7 villages near Haverhill. A total of 125 members. They receive separate grant support from SCDC. Their schemes have a local 'liaison group' for each scheme which meets 6-monthly to give the local perspective and feed back any issues.

Their wardens work 15-25 hours a week, and they have a team of relief wardens to cover sickness and holidays across the area. Members pay £3.30 per week.

Many of the independent schemes had received advice and help from **Care Network**, which sent 2 development workers to the meeting. They organise training for care staff in warden schemes, which is highly thought of. They also run the 'Welcome home from hospital' scheme.

Some schemes had huge demand, others were finding it hard to recruit members. The relationship with the local GP was important – some GPs did not refer members, others misunderstood the limits of what was on offer. Liaison with District Nurses was also important. The Lifeline scheme was running alongside the Community Care Warden scheme in most villages, as in Milton.

Many schemes had difficulty with getting committee members and organisers, volunteers, etc. Trustees and one warden were now in their 80's and really needed younger people to get involved. Some provide weekend cover, either a Saturday visit or both days at the weekend (often the volunteers or committee members are doing this visiting). Some give out the warden's home phone number so she is effectively on call 24-7. This is considered unacceptable. There was a consensus that the warden is not an emergency service and if members require that type of monitoring Social Services should provide it. The role of wardens is to enable older people to retain their independence, not to become dependent.

Most **fees** are similar to ours (£3 a week). Some charge a different fee for couples. Some schemes have a cheaper fee for 'Associate members' who perhaps need holiday cover when their relations are not there, or do not need much help yet, but want to be able to call the warden and become full members more easily in the future, as their details are already on file.

The **conclusion** was that some of the smaller schemes that were struggling with the administration would contact Age Concern with a view to receiving more help from them, or being taken over. Trisha Pope (SCDC officer) had put in a bid to SCDC for extra funding of £12,000 from April 2009, so that each scheme could have an additional grant of £50 per full member, to subsidise the schemes, as it was recognised that these voluntarily-run schemes provide a very cost-effective way of achieving many of the aims of the council in this area. She was confident that this bid had the support of the Leader of council.

Hazel Smith 2 Nov 2008